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# VOICE NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2016



Homecoming 2016 - Looks like Aardy and Upper School students had fun at our Homecoming festivities on Friday.

## NEWS FROM CORBET CLARK, INTERIM HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL



As I write this, Friday was a busy day, with a boisterous all-school pep rally in the morning, an assembly for harassment training for all US students, and then Homecoming activities and athletic contests in the afternoon and evening, with the Homecoming dance to follow Saturday evening.

With regard to the harassment training, the school has recently updated its [Harassment Policy](#), which you can find in the All-school Handbook online

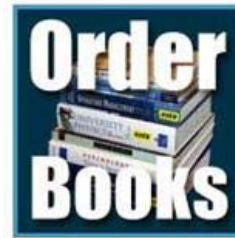
October is upon us, and I want to make sure you're aware of

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our annual “Octoberim” program, that runs from the 19th to the 21st. These three days we don’t have regular classes and instead schedule a number of programs that otherwise might be scattered during the school year.

Attendance at Octoberim events is required. We believe these programs are essential in meeting our Mission as a school and all students must attend. We specifically ask families of 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students not to plan trips or other events that take students away from school during Octoberim. If a student misses Octoberim programming, the student and parents will be responsible to find, have approved, and attend a program that presents comparable content. Senior families are encouraged to do college travel during the week of Octoberim. If seniors are not on college visits, we expect them to be present at school through Octoberim.



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	<b>10/19 Late Start 8:45 all students</b>	<b>10/20 Late Start 8:45 except Juniors</b>	<b>10/21 Late Start 8:45</b>
<b>9</b>	AM: Drug & Alcohol Education, Positive Risk Taking PM: Wellness Fair	All day: Drug & Alcohol Education, Positive Risk Taking	Service Day
<b>10</b>	AM: PSAT PM: Wellness Fair, Drug and Alcohol Education	All-day: Identity Retreat	Service Day
<b>11</b>	AM: PSAT PM: Wellness Fair	Relationship Retreat (off-campus) <b>Departs at 8:00 am</b>	Relationship Retreat (off-campus)
<b>12</b>	AM: College application workshop (or College Travel) PM: Wellness Fair	College application workshop (or College Travel)	Service Day (or College Travel)

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 3 9th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR

- October 5 Driver Certification Class, 7:00 pm, Platt
- October 6 Community Conversations, 6:00 pm, LS Library  
College Financial Aid Night, 7:00 pm, Great Hall
- October 10 US Picture Re-Takes, 7:45 am - 1:00 pm, Great Hall  
10th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR  
11th Relationship Retreat Parent Mtg, 6:30 pm, Rm 60  
Ski Team Parent Mtg, 7:00 pm, DVR
- October 12 PCL, 8:00 am, DVR
- October 14 No School - PGD
- October 17 11th Grade PAL, 8:00 am, DVR  
Grad Party Planning Mtg, 9:30 am, DVR
- October 18 Drug & Alcohol Parent Info Mtg, 8:00 am, Platt (*option 1*)  
FOESL, 8:10 am, LS Library  
US Drug & Alcohol - 9th Grade Parent/Student Night (*mandatory*), 6:30 pm, MS Commons
- October 19-21 Octoberim
- October 19 PSAT (10/11th Grade), 8:45 am, US Classrooms  
Drug & Alcohol Parent Info Mtg, 7:00 pm, DVR (*option 2*)
- October 20-21 Jr. Relationship Retreat
- October 21 US Service Day

## SCHOOL NOTES

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### **(NEW) US Picture Re-take Day**

Due to a scheduling conflict at Holland Studios, we have rescheduled our US Picture Day to **Monday, October 10 beginning at 7:45 am – 1 pm**. Pictures will be taken in the Great Hall and outside. If you would like your student to have his/her picture **re-taken**, please call Holland Studios ahead of time, 503-238-5957, and give them your child's name. No need to call if your child was absent on the original date September 28.

### **(NEW) 10th Grade Parent Coffee**

Andrea and Joe Burdick kindly offered to host our grade parents coffee. Please RSVP to [Rico Mclver](#) if you are able to join.

Date: Wednesday, October 19th

Time: 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Place: Burdick's (Please find their address in the directory)

### **(NEW) Ski Team 2016-17**

Ski Team Parent/Racer Meeting,  
Monday, October 10, Drinkward  
Volunteer Room (second floor of  
the Drinkward Center)

All interested Alpine (downhill)  
racers are invited to join us for  
the Ski Team Parent and Racer  
Informational Meeting. All levels



are welcome! Please contact the ski team parent, [Rebecca Roberts](#) with any questions. We hope to see you there!

### **Visitors from China**

Two lead teachers and 18 Chinese students are visiting OES from Nanjing between 09/30 and 10/07 as a part of the language exchange program between OES and Nanjing Foreign Language School. During their visit, Chinese students stay with our OES host families and shadow our students for a week. Please welcome them with your warmest greetings. Questions? Contact [Sara Fromme](#).

### **The Aussie's are Coming!**

Once again, we have the opportunity to host two students (one boy, one girl) from the Golburn Valley Grammar School (GVGS) in Australia. The students will be here at OES from approximately November 13 - December 9. The visitors will attend their own schedule of classes, have the opportunity to participate in sports, and look forward to immersing themselves in school and family life. In exchange, if you host a student, your son/daughter will have the opportunity to visit GVGS next summer. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact [Christina Meyerhoff](#), Director of Winterim and Off-Campus Programming.

### **Attendance REMINDER**

Please remember to call or email in advance if your child is going to miss school or be late for any reason. Doing so will help us keep your child safe. Email [USattend](#) or call US Attendance Coordinator, Kim Groh, at (503) 768-3169.

### **Honeywell Instant Alert**

It is important to be ready for what nature throws our way. OES contracts with an emergency announcement calling service that will notify families of school delays and closures and other emergencies. In order to receive these announcements, you must register with Honeywell Instant Alert. [Learn more](#).

### **John Holloran Athletic Event Galleries**

For more photos by John Holloran (Director of Studies/Upper School History Teacher), please visit his [SmugMug account](#). Often we feature his photos in the *VOICE* and this is a great way for you to see them all!

### **OES Food & Allergy Policy**

I invite you to read through our policy: [OES Food and Allergy Policy](#).

Please contact OES Nurse, Elaine Elliott, with any questions or concerns ([elliotte@oes.edu](mailto:elliotte@oes.edu)).

## **(NEW) OUTDOOR PROGRAMS**

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Surf trip to Oswald West State Park Sunday October 9th. No experience needed, this trip includes transportation, wetsuit and equipment rental, and experienced adult supervision in the

water. Spots are still available, sign ups are on the Outdoor Program Bulletin board just outside Area 51 off the Great Hall.

Rock Climbing, Camping and Caving trip to Smith Rock State Park October 14th - 15th. With no school on Friday October 14th this is an amazing opportunity to explore one of Oregon's finest gems Smith Rock State Park. Experienced staff and students will lead and set up climbing routes and instruct students on proper technique and safety... no experience needed. Camping at Smith Rock Climbers Bivouac offers stellar views of the rock and nice flat spots to pitch a tent and sleep under the largest forest of Juniper trees in the world. Sign ups are posted on the Outdoor Program Bulletin Board. More details to follow with those who sign up.

The 14th OES Annual Corn Maze Trip is set for Saturday October 22nd. The sign ups are currently full (but a wait list will be added). This annual trip to Sauvie Island's treasured farm The Pumpkin Patch will leave OES at 5:30pm and return by 10pm that Saturday night. We have reserved a large bonfire for our school to enjoy while students take turns in teams completing the 5 acre labyrinth in the corn. No matter what the weather this is an awesome experience!

Questions? Contact [Tom Handel](#).

## **(NEW) ADMISSIONS**

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A promotional graphic for Oregon Episcopal School (OES) Open Houses. The top section features a green banner with the text "OREGON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL" in small white letters and "OPEN HOUSES" in large white letters. Below the banner are three small photographs: the top right shows a woman and a man talking; the bottom left shows a group of students sitting at a table; the bottom right shows two students playing trumpets. At the bottom of the graphic, the text "October 23 & 26" is displayed in green, followed by the website "www.oes.edu/admissions" in black. To the right is the OES logo, which consists of the letters "OES" in a stylized green font, with the word "Always" in small black text below it and a green square with the word "OPEN" in white text to its right.

### **Admissions Events – Spread the Word!**

Do you have a friend, business associate, neighbor, or someone in your family interested in our school? OES parents are our best referral source and we have many great ways for prospective parents to learn more about OES! Event details can be found [here](#).

## **(NEW) OREGON GIRLS SPORTS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

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Oregon Girls Sports Leadership Summit  
at Oregon Episcopal School

2016 Oregon Girls Sports Leadership Summit at Oregon  
Episcopal School

“Developing Winning Learners and Leaders”

Saturday, November 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Registration Limited to the first 230

Asking student-athletes to be leaders without preparing them for the responsibility is unfair. Often much is expected of our leaders, but seldom do we intentionally teach them the necessary skills in order for them to succeed. The Oregon Girls Sports Leadership Summit is designed to give female student-athletes with an interest in leadership the same instruction, encouragement, and practice that we give athletes before competition. This summit is recommended for all female student athletes in grades 9-12. This exciting summit will be jam-packed! Over the course of the day we will celebrate the history of Title IX, enjoy keynote motivational speaker Ann Schatz (a pioneer in the field of sports broadcasting and the voice of the Portland Thorns), and collaborate in break out sessions that will include hot button topics like equality in sports. Students will “Explore” what it takes to be a leader, “Connect” with their peers, “Commit” to leadership, and “Create” their own leadership style.

### **(NEW) OES SERVICE LEARNING**

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**Service-Learning deadlines for the Class of 2017:**

**\*\*10/28: 20 OFF campus hours MUST be completed.**

**\*\*Jan 2017: Seniors are advised to have 1 Project completed, another proposed.**

**\*\*The final deadline: : Friday, May 26, 2017: All SL forms for hours and Projects MUST be turned in by this date in**

**order to receive an OES diploma at graduation.**

Complete information about Service Learning in the Upper School is on the [US Service Learning website](#). Bookmark it and refer to it frequently!

What can parents do to help? Remind your child to be aware of what he or she needs to do, and support her or him in finding opportunities – check out the [SL Opportunities page](#).

#### **Questions?**

Email or call [Robin Schaffler](#), US Service-Learning Coordinator: **(503) 416-9308**. For information and opportunities, go to the [Service-Learning website](#).

## **CLASS OF 2017 GRAD PARTY**

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**11<sup>th</sup> Grade PARENTS:** Be a part of OES TRADITION! 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents plan and host the Senior Graduation Party!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW** for planning and coordinating this important event!

SAVE THE DATE FOR FRIDAY, **JUNE 16, 2017, 10:30 PM to 5:30 AM** (Yes – you read those times correctly! This is an all-night event!)

OES tradition includes 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents planning, organizing, & hosting the graduating seniors' all-night party that brings the night of graduation to a close. The US Graduation Party takes place immediately following the 2017 Commencement and reception on June 16, 2017. (As parents of seniors in June 2018, our students will be hosted by the Junior Parents, and we will be off the hook for their senior all-night graduation party!

With eight committees and over 60 parent volunteers needed for shifts throughout the all-night party, (10:30PM-5:30 AM), ALL Junior parents are encouraged to help!

Committee Chairs will meet with the Grad Party Co-Chairs once a month following 11<sup>th</sup> Grade PAL meetings. (We meet approximately 6 times before the event given school breaks). Committee members will meet with their committee chairs as determined by their committee chair. Committee Chairs will be expected to volunteer on the night of the Grad Party, except in special circumstances. Committee responsibilities and timeframes vary, and parents can find a volunteer role that best fits their availability and interests! Volunteers who work shifts on the night of the event are also needed, and need not be committed to committee work throughout the year.

Contact [Michele Ackerman](#) or [Kris Smole](#) with your interests and willingness to make the 2017 Grad Party a great conclusion to each senior's experience at OES!

## OCTOBERIM 2016

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You may notice our upcoming change in the school schedule for Octoberim, running from October 19-21, 2016. As a part of our school mission to educate the whole person, we have required, intentional programming planned for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors; that this is NOT a time to plan vacations or college visits for any grade other than seniors.

We want to extend a thank you to parents and families for partnering with us to support this important work.

## WINTERIM 2017

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### International Trips for Winterim 2017

This year we are offering Winterim courses to France, Denmark/Germany, Guatemala, Nepal and Korea. The trips are open to all Upper School students, though priority is given to older students and some of the trips have a language requirement. Please check out the [full course descriptions here](#). **Applications for international courses are due to [Christina Meyerhoff](#), Director of Winterim, by 9a.m on Monday, October 3, and applications for financial aid are due the same time to [Jen Bash](#).** The full catalogue of all local and domestic Winterim courses will be announced prior to Thanksgiving break.

### Denmark & Germany Winterim

If you have any questions about the about the upcoming International Winterim: Modern Denmark & Germany & the Challenges of Immigration and Refugee Settlement, please contact the trip leaders [John Holloran](#) & [Rick Rees](#). Trip Information: March 16– March 28, 2017, 8-14 students, \$3600.

## DISCOVERY 2017

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**There will be a lunch meeting on October 12 for interested students.**

Are you interested in pursuing your passions and interests outside of the classroom walls? Would you like the opportunity to experience the demands and structure of the "working world" before you leave high school? If so, you should consider taking part in the OES Discovery program! Discovery is a five-day, 40-hour apprenticeship/career exploration program available to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students at OES. Many students do this program during the Winterim week (March 16-23, 2017) but the program is flexible to other times as well. During their Discovery week students have worked both locally and internationally with doctors, attorneys, teachers, artists, comedians, museums, restaurants....the list goes on. More information is available on the OES website under the Upper School tab. Questions? Please feel free to contact the Discovery coordinators - [Dana Mosher Lewis](#) or [Corbet](#)



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## PARENT DRIVER CERTIFICATION CLASS

To be eligible to drive OES students, parents need to take a class led by Director of Facilities, Jon von Behren. This one-hour class will certify you as a school driver for a period of three years. You will also need to have a DHS background check to drive US students.

We use parent drivers to drive kids for Mt Hood Climb Service Day, the Debate Team, the Ski Team, for team sports retreats in the summer, and we need drivers for dorm students for their 11<sup>th</sup> grade Literary Journalism project. Certification classes are only offered in the fall. If you anticipate needing to drive for any of these US activities please consider taking one of the fall classes.

If you are new to the US or it's been 3 years since your last driving class please sign up for one of the sessions offered. One more class will be held on Wednesday, October 5th, 7-8pm in Platt Global Classroom.

Please register at SignUp.com so that we can plan appropriately. Please Click on the link to register - [AS Driver Certification Class](#)

**\*\* If you would like to drive for Upper School you will need a DHS background check. If you don't have one already, please contact [Jean Verheggen](#) in the US office.**

If you have any questions please feel free to email [Ruchi Prakash](#) (All School Volunteer Coordinator) at any time.

## SPORTS LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION CLASS

Asking student athletes to be leaders without preparing them for the responsibility is unfair. Often much is expected of our leaders, but seldom do we intentionally teach them the necessary skills in order for them to do the job effectively. The OES Leadership Certification class is designed to give Aardvark student athletes with interest in leadership the same instruction, encouragement and practice that we give athletes before competition. [Click here for more detailed information.](#)

## YEARBOOK INFO

Click on the following link to access the yearbook site [US Yearbook 2016-17](#). Here, you will find helpful information for all students (and parents) to access.

If you have any questions, contact [Sue Jensen](#).

**Senior deadlines:**

1. [MUG SHOTS: December 2, 2016](#)
2. [SENIOR PAGES: January 13, 2017](#)
3. [BABY PICTURES: March 3, 2017](#)
4. [PARENT ADS: March 10, 2017](#)

## **COLLEGE COUNSELING**

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### **College Visits at OES**

Many colleges will visit OES this fall to meet with interested students. We encourage juniors and seniors to keep a close eye on the college visit schedule in Naviance (juniors will learn how to access and use Naviance during the retreat the first week of school). The schedule will be posted on bulletin boards in the Library and Great Hall, on the OES website, and on our College Counseling Google site. We will do our best to send juniors and seniors an email each week with the schedule for the upcoming two weeks. However, Naviance is the source of the most up-to-date schedule and will change throughout the fall as visits are added. Students are encouraged to sign up for visits on Naviance, which results in an automatic email reminder close to the date of the visit.

### **PSAT at OES**

Sophomore and junior families, please note that the PSAT will be given the morning of **Wednesday, October 19**. Students do not need to register and will take the test at OES. **Testing will begin promptly at 8:45 am.** Please give yourself enough time in the morning to arrive on time.

### **Octoberim and Seniors**

Seniors have the opportunity to visit colleges during Octoberim (October 19-21). Those involved in sports should keep in mind that there may be athletic events scheduled during this time that limit your travel. On Wednesday and Thursday the college counselors will be available to assist students who stay on campus with college applications and essays.

### **SAT/ACT Tests**

Please note the following test dates and registration deadlines. Enter the school code when you register (380915) and if you are taking the ACT, it is important to include the optional writing test. There is a late registration deadline for each test date that requires an additional fee. See the testing websites for additional information.

### **SAT/ACT Dates and (Registration Deadline):**

#### **SAT testing**

- ▶ October 1
- ▶ November 5 (10/7, late 10/25)
- ▶ December 3 (11/3, late 11/22)

- ▶ January 21 (12/21, late 1/10)

## ACT testing

- ▶ October 22
- ▶ December 10 (11/4, late 11/18)
- ▶ February 11 (1/13, late 1/20)

## SCHOOL STORE

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### **New Fall Sport Designs are Available in the OES Store!**

Spirit Wear is **ALREADY IN** at the School Store! Come in and find a great selection of Crew Neck and Hooded Sweatshirts, as well as New T-Shirts, Long-Sleeved Dri-Fit T-Shirts, Sweatpants, and a New girl-cut t-shirt. We also have new Rain Jackets, Fleece Jackets, Key chains, Power Banks, Spirit scarves, New styles of hats, Water bottles, Nike socks and much more!

**Just Arrived-** New Spirit wear for **Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country**, featuring a new OES banner! New styles of t-shirts for both guys and girls, as well as your favorite sweatshirt styles. Drop by to be sure you get the size and color you want!

Open 2pm-4pm every weekday, as well as by appointment in the morning.

Questions? Contact Store Manager: Madeleine Menashe  
**503-768-3170** or [menashem@oes.edu](mailto:menashem@oes.edu)

## CLASS NOTES

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- ▶ **9th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: November 7, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions? Contact [Clare Rathbone](#).
  - ▶ Upcoming meetings: 1/9, 2/6, 4/4, 5/1.
- ▶ **10th Grade PAL** – First meeting: October 10, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions? Contact [Rico Mclver](#).
  - ▶ Upcoming meetings: 11/14, 1/17, 2/13, 4/10, 5/8
- ▶ **11th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: October 17, 8:00 am, DVR. Questions? Contact [Jennifer Hapke](#).
  - ▶ Upcoming meetings: 11/28, 1/23, 2/21, 4/18 (Platt), 5/15.
- ▶ **12th Grade PAL** – Next meeting: October 24, 8:00am, DVR. Questions? Contact [Holly Hady](#).
  - ▶ Upcoming meetings: 11/29, 1/30, 2/27, 4/24, 5/22
- ▶ **Monthly US PAL notes are now accessible by doing the following:**

- ▶ [www.oes.edu](http://www.oes.edu)
- ▶ Click on “Parent Home Page” at the bottom
- ▶ Scroll down and click on “Get Connected”
- ▶ Click on “PCL & PAL Minutes”

▶ [PAL meeting Calendar \(all grades\)](#)

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